

## Bills Seek to Bring Transparency to Government Leasing Practices on Sunshine Week

Senators Dave Craig (R-Big Bend) and Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) and Representatives Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield) and Joe Sanfelippo (R-New Berlin) are celebrating sunshine week by introducing two bills that would bring transparency to government leasing practices.

SB65/AB66, Introduced by Senator Craig and Representative Sanfelippo, would require agencies to present alternative options for locating their offices within the area where they provide the most services. Doing so would allow for more efficient delivery of services for the agency and also result in lower per square foot cost.

LRB-1654, which was introduced by Senator Kapenga and Representative Hutton and is currently being circulated for co-sponsorship, would require the Department of Administration to do a cost-benefit analysis to compare the government per square foot rate with comparable commercial leases. In addition, all leases above \$500,000 would have to be signed by the Secretary of the DOA and be submitted for a 14-day passive review by the Joint Finance Committee.